



Alpha Dressage News

February 2021

Suzi's Scoop

Woo hoo, who else is enjoying this weather? I hope you're all finding time to get out and ride whether it's for fun or preparing for shows. – Hey, that's supposed to be fun too!!!

Here at ADA we are working hard trying to prepare some fun activities for you. We have a clinic, some shows and some social activities for you to attend coming up, with more clinics and shows planned for later in the year. If we could just get back to being able to socialize normally it would be so much easier, but we will kick on regardless!

Check the calendar on our website (alphadressage.org) to see what's coming up, some activities still have dates TBA and we will confirm these as soon as we can so remember to keep checking back.

If you are still finding yourself stuck inside more than you'd like and it's bringing you down, take a peek at the Facebook page called "shiteventersunite", I guarantee there's something on there that will bring a smile to your face. It's a page without judgement or negativity where people are willingly showing their horsey epic fails just to entertain you. Watch out though, it's seriously addictive!

We are winding up for our first show for the 2021 season and we'll be back at the lovely Tarawin Farm. This venue is wonderful but requires more help with the set up and tear down. Please volunteer if you can. Please contact Donna Sloben at dsloben@aol.com. Remember that we have structured our volunteer program differently for 2021 (See details on our Club Info page on the website)

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February Show Update

Current plans are to hold our first show on February 28th at Tarawin Farm. The judge will be Beth Barritt, who holds an R in both traditional and Western dressage. A show bill is available on the website and entries may be submitted at <https://eentries.com>

Upcoming Events...

We are currently building the calendar for this year's shows. Watch our website for updates as dates, venues, and judges are finalized!

February 9, 2021: Monthly membership meeting at 6:00 pm. Asaro's Pizza, 8320 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34241. <http://www.asarospizzeria.com/sarasota-menu/>

February 28, 2021: Schooling show at Tarawin Farm. Beth Barritt (R) judging.

Annual Awards Results

On January 9th, our club met both in person at Robin Segó's home and via Zoom, to attend our annual potluck and awards ceremony. Approximately 12 were at Robin's home and 9 attended via Zoom. Thirteen awards were given that night. Please join us in congratulating everyone shown below!

Intro Level AA	Champion	Ronnie DeWitt	Nova MC	66.375
Intro Prix Caprilli JR	Champion	Mia Jordan	Presley	66.521
Training Level AA	Champion	Linda Roberts	Décorum Fling	62.563
Second Level AA	Champion	Danielle Ammeson	Casino Royale	65.089
FEI Musical FS Open	Champion	Doris Suenkle	Chopin	61.658
FEI PSG Open	Champion	Doris Suenkle	Chopin	57.867
WDAA Intro AA	Champion	Amanda Kopak	Suzis Big Hot Rod in Heaven	70.842
WDAA Intro AA	Reserve	Amanda Kopak	Dreamin Miracles	70.81
WDAA Intro AA	3 rd	Amber Cooke	Dun it Big Tig	66.893
WDAA Gaited Into AA	Champion	Lesley Emery	Scarletts Hershez Kiss	70.134
WDAA Level 1 AA	Champion	Henry Watson	Smooth Bullet	65.384
WDAA Level 2 AA	Champion	Henry Watson	Smooth Bullet	64.828
WDAA Level 2 Open	Champion	Lauren Merchant	TRR Pecipides Senorita	70.454

Thank You Jennifer Marchand for teaching our Alpha Dressage Members!



Jennifer started the clinic at Danielle Ammeson's house teaching two lessons. Danielle Ammeson rode Royal an 11-year old American Warmblood, they schooled travers, used shoulder-fore to rebalance his big trot, and worked on collection in the canter.



Sydney Rightmire rode Spirit, a very flashy buckskin Andalusian gelding! The pair worked on establishing contact in the reins and managing his fast canter.



Karen Abbattista let Alpha Dressage host two lessons at her place. Linda Roberts rode Décor a Dutch Warmblood, the pair also worked on establishing contact through the bridle and asking for more forward action in the gaits.



Susan Mori and Cali really made a lot of progress developing the gaits for fourth level. Jennifer gave Susan some good pointers on establishing clean changes and using shoulder fore to package Cali's trot.



Suzi Jennings also let Alpha Dressage host two lessons at her farm. Heather Spence rode Beau, a TB gelding Heather bred. The pair worked on leg yielding a bit in the trot to push Beau into the outside rein for a steadier connection.



Bonita and Sullivan worked on using the canter to make the trot better and finding the right frame. Bonita has aspirations to be a part of the USDF Century Club, which recognizes dressage riders and horses who combined age total 100 years or more!!

New Awards Program for 2021

The board just adopted a new awards program which will start with the 2021 competition (and calendar) year. Of particular note, is the first requirement. Get your membership forms in so you don't miss out on any opportunities to participate!

Alpha Dressage Association Year-End Award Rules for ADA Schooling Shows Effective January 1, 2021

Annual Awards are open to all ADA members in good standing. The award program runs from December 1 through November 30. Scores are NOT tracked by ADA. Your submitted tests are proof of scores from year to year.

Requirements

- You must be an ADA member at the time that a score is earned in order for it to count towards ADA Year End Awards.
- You need three (3) scores for Intro through Fourth levels, or 2 scores for FEI levels to qualify.
- Required scores must be from the same test level and from three different shows with the same horse/rider combination. Any test of the level can be used. If you ride more than one test at the same level at a show, the higher scoring test should be submitted to the Awards Committee. The median score of the three submitted scores will be used to determine the year end score and ultimate ranking of competitors.
- A median score of at least 58% is required to qualify for an award at any level.

Rules

1. Photocopies or scanned images of the first page test sheets (signature page only) should be submitted to alphadressage@gmail.com after last show of the season.
2. A volunteer requirement of 6 hours total is required to participate in the award program.

Although your time and talents are **most valuable to us primarily at our shows and clinics**, we realize not everyone has that time or availability. So, we offer a variety of ways to earn hours towards Year End Awards.

- Hours can be earned by volunteering at ADA shows by; arena set up/ break down, scribe, ring steward, runner, scoring, announcing, and equipment check.
- Two (2) hours may be earned by referring new member(s); two (2) hours per new member referred (must not have been a member within last 5 years).
- Three (3) hours may be purchased for \$10 per hour, up to \$30.
- Six (6) hours for active Committee and Board Members. We have multiple opportunities and a range of needs for committee involvement!

3. A horse and rider pair may not receive awards in more than **two consecutive levels** in a given competition year. (eg. Competing at Intro & Training would be OK, but competing at Intro and First level would not OK)

4. A horse and rider pair may not **win** (First place only) an award more than two times for a given level.

Awards Given

Awards will be offered for the highest score for Jr., AA and Open in the following categories:

Prix Caprilli, Intro, Training, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Freestyle, Pas De Deux, Prix St. Georges, Intermediate I, Intermediate II, FEI Freestyle and Grand Prix.

WDAA Intro, Basic, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4, any level WDAA Freestyle

Gaited Dressage Intro, Basic, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4



Alpha Dressage Association

Membership application for 2021

Membership runs from Dec. 1, 2020 – Nov. 30, 2021

NAME: _____
Adult _____ Junior (18 & under) _____ Date of birth for juniors _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PREFERRED PHONE: _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adult: \$40.00 \$ _____

Junior \$30.00 \$ _____

Please enclose \$10.00 for a group subscription to HORSE & PONY \$ _____

(If wanted) TOTAL \$ _____

Please make checks payable to *Alpha Dressage Association*.

Alpha Dressage Association is a USDF Group Member Organization; its members are automatically USDF Group Members.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

GUARDIAN SIGNATURE OF JUNIOR APPLICANT _____

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